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From (Name) J.M. Balmforth Esq..

(Designation) Presidency Port Officer,

Post Box 13, (Station) Madras 1.

Telegraphic Address Presypo

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

No. 969 Pt/47-3, dated 1-8-1947.

Sir,

*Ports - Coondapur - Coondapur Pilotage Fund - Pilotage Fees - Rates - Enhancement - Proposal submitted for sanction.

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Enclosures 3 Sheets

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I have the honour to address Government on the subject of enhancement of the rates of Pilotage Fees now in force at the Port of Coondapur and sanctioned in G.O. No. 1556, P.W., dated 26-6-1941.

2. The receipts of the Coondapur Pilotage Fund for the six years ending 1946-47 amount to an average of Rs.807/- per annum and the amount paid to the pilots is Rs.795/- per annum approximately. Four licensed pilots are generally on employ at the port and their average earnings per mensem (the working season being 9 months only every year) come up to about Rs.22/- each out of which, it is understood, they have also to meet the charges of other men engaged by them for assisting them in their piloting work.

3. The pilots have petitioned to me - copy attached - for an increase of wages submitting that their present earnings are quite insufficient for their livelihood and their request has been recommended by the Port Officer, Mangalore. These pilots are not eligible for any other compensatory allowance as in the case of other subordinates of Government.

4. I am convinced of the necessity for an increase in their wages as unlike other men of their class they are unable to attend to any other work for an additional earning during the working season, neither could such a course be tolerated without detriment to the service for which they are intended.

5. The only means of affording them increased wages is an enhancement of the existing rates of Pilotage Fees and I accordingly recommend for the favourable consideration of Government that the rates now in force be revised so as to avoid the differential

rates

rates for different commodities now existing and brought into line with the other ports on the West Coast. This would give them about Rs.30/- each per mensem due to the slight increase in the rates involved on account of the proposed revision.

A draft notification is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J.M. Balmforth

for Presidency Port Officer

Encl: 1 copy of petition.
1 draft notification (in duplicate).

AT/31.

Copy of petition dated 12-1-1947 from the Pilots of Coondapur Port to the Presidency Port Officer, Madras.

We the undersigned four licensed pilots beg leave to approach by presenting our grievance before your goodself for favour of sympathetic consideration with the hope of raising our miserable lot.

2. We have been working as licensed pilots ever since the Departmental Pilots were appointed in the year 1942 at a time when the country craft traffic was in its full swing owing to war and we did not then feel the finch of the low rate of pilotage fees since enough number of vessels requiring pilots were pilotted in and outside the bar and the monthly share income on an average to each individual would keep us with hand to mouth living.

3. Since cessation of war in 1945 the country craft traffic has considerably decreased owing to which we have been hit hard on either sides, with consequent minimum income from one side and increase in cost of living from the other side.

4. The monthly average income in the shape of pilotage share during the last season i.e. for eight months in 1945-46 was about Rs.50/- (fifty rupees) which worked out at Rs 12-8-0 per head among four of us. Besides we are also to meet the charges of other men engaged by us for pilotting and thus the balance amount left to us is not worth of a living wage when compared to the wages that one crew of a country craft earns.

5. Though there have been calls for services from Boat Owners with offers of better wages, to work as Tindals and crew of vessels, we have refrained from accepting with the high hopes that our lot would be raised in due course and now that the cost of living is ever increasing and that arrangements are being ex

contemplated by the Benign Government to meet the increase in cost of living, we are the unfortunate ~~soles~~ sole, who have been left to our fate being victims to depression and famine and not to speak on account of the increase in cost of living.

6. Under the circumstances, we humbly request your goodself to be kind enough to enhance the existing rates of pilotage fees and enforce compulsory piloting for vessels of 50 tons and above.

7. For which act of kindness and benevolence, we ever pray.

(True Copy)

Assistant to the
Presidency Port Officer

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IN DUPLICATE.

(DRAFT) NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 35 of the Indian Ports Act, 1908 (Central Act XV of 1908) and in supersession of Marine Department Notification No.28 dated 26th June 1941, published on page 793 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette dated the 1st July 1941, His Excellency the Governor of Madras is pleased to direct that fees for piloting vessels entering or leaving the Port of Coondapur in the South Kanara District shall be charged at the following rates with effect on and from 1st September 1947.

Pilotage - Inward or Outward - Day or Night.

Vessels:-		Rs.	A.	P.
(i)	Under 100 tons			
	Laden	3	0	0
	In ballast	2	0	0
(ii)	100 Tons and over.-			
	Laden	4	0	0
	In ballast	2	8	0

H. Balmforth

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER.

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LIGHT MODIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 35 of the Tyne Improvement Act, 1920 (Continued Act IV of 1938) and in pursuance of Harbour Department Notification No.28 dated 22nd June 1961, published on page 795 of Part I of the Port Gazette dated the 1st July 1961, the Tyne Pilotage Authority are pleased to direct that from 1st September 1967 vessels entering or leaving the Port of Coquimbo in the South Channel will be charged at the following rates with effect on and from 1st September 1967.

Pilotage - Inward or Outward - By or Night.

Vessels:-	Rs. A. P.
(i) Under 100 Tons	
Laden	3 0 0
In ballast	2 0 0
(ii) 100 Tons and over.-	
Laden	4 0 0
In ballast	2 8 0

PRESIDING PORT OFFICER

P. W. D. (F)

G.O. Ms. No. 2806 Dated 15-9-47

PORTS * Coondapoor - Pilotage Fees - Rates - Enhancement - Approved.

Ref:- G.O. No.1556 P.W. dated 26-6-41.
From the P.P.O. No.969-G1/47-3, dated 1-8-47.

O R D E R:-

The appended notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette and in the South Kanara District Gazette.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by ~~sub-section (1) of~~ section 35 (1) of the Indian Ports Act, 1908 (Central Act XV of 1908), and in supersession of (Marine Department Notification No.28, dated the 26th June 1941, published on page 793 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette, dated the 1st July 1941, His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby directs that fees for piloting vessels entering or leaving the Port of Coondapur in the South Kanara District shall be charged at the following rates with effect on and from the 25th October 1947

Pilotage - Inward or Outward - Day or Night.

Vessels:	Rates of pilotage fees. Rs. A. P.
(i) Under 100 Tons	
(a) Laden	3 0 0
(b) In ballast	0 0
(ii) Vessels of 100 Tons and over:-	
(a) Laden	4 0 0
(b) In ballast	2 0 0

To the P.P.O.
,, the Examiner o L.F.A
,, the Collector of S.Kanara
,, the Superintendent, Government Press for publication of the Notification in F.S.G. and the S. Kanara Dt Gazette.

P. W. D. (F).

Sub: - PORTS - Coondapur - Pilotage fees - Rates - Enhancement of.

Ref From the P.P.O. No. 969-G1/47-3, dated 1-8-47.

Please see the P.P.O's letter in the C.F. In G.O. No.1556 P.W. dated 26-6-41 the Government approved the P.P.O's proposal to introduce a system of licenced pilots at the Port of Coondapur in the South Kanara district . The rules for the appointment and conduct of the pilots were also approved in the G.O. cited. The existing rates of pilotage fees approved by the Government are given in the appendix to the above G.O. According to the rules regulating the appointment and conduct of pilots, the licensed pilots are not entitled to any monthly fixed salary, but each pilot is to be paid after the close of the month an amount calculated at the rate of As.14 in the rupee on the total amount of pilotage fees collected during the month on account of ~~the~~ his services and at the end of the financial year a share of the balance at the credit of the pilotage fund of the port after meeting the charges (on account of the stationery etc..) calculated in proportion to the amount of the pilotage fees collected during the year on account of his services.

The P.P.O. has now reported that four licenced pilots are generally on the employ at the port and that the they have represented to him that their earnings are insufficient for their livelihood. The Port Officer, Mangalore has recommended their request. It has been reported that the receipts of the Coondapur Pilotage Fund for the last six years ending 1946-47 amount on an average of Rs. 807/- per annum and the amount paid to the pilots per year is Rs.795/- approximately. The average earnings of the ~~four~~ Govt pilots per month (working season being only nine months per year) work out to about Rs. 22/- each, out of which they have also to meet the charges of other men engaged by them for assisting them in their piloting work. The pilots are not allowed any compensatory allowance. They are also not able to attend to any other work for additional earnings during the working season and the P.P.O. has also reported that such a course cannot be allowed without detriment to the service for which they are intended. The P.P.O. has therefore recommended

that he is convinced of the necessity for an increase in the wages of the pilots and that the only means of affording them increased wages is an enhancement of the existing rates of pilotage fees at the port. He has accordingly recommended that the existing rates may be revised so as to avoid the differential rates for different commodities and brought into line with the other ports on the West Coast. The proposed enhancement of rates would give each pilot Rs. 30/- per mensem. The P.P.O. has also submitted a draft notification in this regard.

3. The Coondapur Pilotage Fund 1947-48 as revealed by the budget estimates is expected to close with a surplus of Re. 1/- This surplus is negligible as it is next to nothing, and there seems to be need for improving the financial position of the fund. Also in view of para 2 on pp. 1 to 2 ante the P.P.O's proposals may pernaps be approved. A draft order is submitted below for approval.

May be allowed
FK
22/8/47

4. The file may be sent to Legal for scrutiny of the draft order. The date from which the enhanced rates may be brought into force will be filled in later.

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22/8/47

Legal Department.

The alterations indicated in red ink on the draft notification may be made.

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Please see the legal Deptt note above. The draft as scrutinised by legal may issue. The date on which the enhanced rates shall come into effect may be fixed as 20.10.47.

Legal u.o. 9431/47-I
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